

**CH-CH-CH-CHANGES!**

This weekend, all over the Diocese many priests will be having their last Masses before they go to a new assignment or retire. Our beloved Fr. Jim Sanford will become senior status. Msgr. Metzger, a familiar name from the settlement will also be retiring. Many priest-friends of mine will be starting a new chapter in their lives, including Fr. Kyle Gase, who's just starting out in Findlay.

With all this transition in the Diocese I know one thing: I am VERY glad to be here. I am sometimes asked what I think about Plymouth and Shelby and I always answer honestly, "I Love it!"

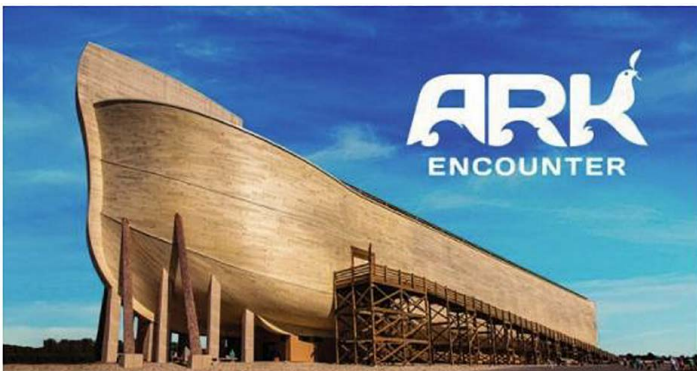
The reality is that we are all in transition while here on earth as we are making our way toward heaven. This is a great time for us all to appreciate where we are in life. It's good to appreciate those who have influenced our lives. And it is helpful to think about how we relate to others in their journey.

Let's remember to pray for everyone who is going through changes in life, visible or invisible, and to pray for each other.

*Father Chris*



**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:** Bishop Thomas would like to extend his thank you to all who have taken the time to pledge money to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity is a blessing. Thank you for considering a gift to this Appeal. And most of all, thank you for being my parish family. Most Pure Heart of Mary has currently pledged \$17,285.00 which is 69.14% toward our goal of \$25,000.00. St. Joseph has currently pledged \$1015.00 which is 25.4% toward our goal of \$4,000.00.



**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!!! BARB'S ONE TANK TRIP ARK ENCOUNTER:** In August, we will be going to Williamstown, KY to the Ark Encounter. I am going to leave the driving up to Brewster Tours. The date is August 17, 2018 and the cost is \$108.00 per person. A deposit of \$25.00 will hold your seat and the balance will be due 45 days prior to the trip. The cost includes admission to the Ark Encounter, lunch and round trip transportation. Please make checks payable to Brewster Tours.

The Ark Encounter is the largest timber frame structure in the world, built from standing dead timber, in part by skilled Amish craftsmen. The Ark itself is an architectural and engineering wonder containing three decks of amazing world-class exhibits.

If we get enough people interested, we could have our own bus. Please call Barb Castor at the MPHMH parish office for more information: 419-347-2381. **The cut off date for reservations is July 3rd.**

**EMAIL SCAM/IPHONE/ITUNES GIFT CARDS:**

In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please use extra caution before sharing your personal information. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo, clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools do not regularly solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information, exercise extreme caution. Contact the entity that requested your information by using official contact information only to verify the legitimacy of the request. Do not use contact information provided in the potentially fraudulent request.

**DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED A TUNE UP?  
OR EVEN A MAJOR OVERHAUL?  
SOMETIMES A MARRIAGE CAN RUN ALONG  
FINE AND THEN THINGS CHANGE. THEY  
MAY NEED YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.**

Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. For more information about our July 13-15th Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Jeff & Robyn @ 419-481-1116 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:** Thank you for your generous support in last month's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link.

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## Liturgical Calendar

### Monday, July 2

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM Church  
*Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Psalm 50:16-23; Matthew 8:18-22*

### Tuesday, July 3—Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church  
Prayers for All Parishioners Living & Deceased

9:00 a.m. Adoration at St. Joseph Church

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM Church  
*Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117:1-2; John 20:24-29*

### Wednesday, July 4

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church  
Prayers for Virgil Schroeder  
*Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Psalm 50:7-13, 16-17; Matthew 8:28-34*

### Thursday, July 5

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church  
Prayers for Dorothy Cirata

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour at MPHM Church  
*Amos 7:10-17; Psalm 19:8-11; Matthew 9:1-8*

### Friday, July 6

9:00 a.m. First Friday Mass at MPHM Church  
Prayers for The Willman Family  
Adoration available all day after Mass until 6:00 p.m.  
*Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Psalm 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Matthew 9:9-13*

### Saturday, July 7

9:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass at MPHM Church  
Prayers for Betty Reith  
Anointing of the Sick following Mass

5:00 p.m. Mass at MPHM Church  
Prayers for Larry, Lucy, Charlie & Midge Fike;  
Leon, Agnes, Bernie & Kenny Miller  
*Amos 9:11-15; Psalm 85:9-14; Matthew 9:14-17*

### Sunday, July 8

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church  
Prayers for Fred & Betty Ruckman, Robert & Miriam Moser,  
Tony Fenner

10:30 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church  
Prayers for George Roth, Paul Parrish, Alfreda Dannemiller  
*Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 123:1-4; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6*



### SHELBY HELP LINE MINISTRIES' ANNUAL HOMEMADE PIE AUCTION:

Shelby Help Line Ministries' Annual Homemade Pie Auction will be Saturday, July 14, immediately following the Shelby Bicycle Days Parade. The auction is held at the gazebo beside the fire station on Main street. Please attend and support your favorite pie baker from your church and Shelby Help Line Ministries at the same time! Those who enjoy baking homemade pies may donate pies the morning of the Pie Auction from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Shelby Help Line Ministries, 29 ½ Walnut St., rear. Please no crème pies or pies needing to be refrigerated including no pumpkin pies. Since the auction takes place outside, we want to be very careful to not have any pies that would be in danger of spoiling. However, you may donate a crème pie by a certificate that enables the purchaser to contact you directly to make a pie at a later date. Any questions call Shelby Help Line Ministries at 419-347-6307.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY CAMP:** Family Camp Weekend Retreat, August 3-5, is looking for volunteers over age 16 to assist children and adults with developmental disabilities. The weekend is filled with summer camp activities for children and their parents in a supportive and faith-filled environment. YOUR participation will make Family Camp a meaningful experience for a family and for you! If you would like more information about volunteering or wish to register for Family Camp, please contact Marsha Rivas, Office for Persons with Disabilities, 419-214-4938 or [mrivas@toledodiocese.org](mailto:mrivas@toledodiocese.org)

## Youth Ministry News



There are no events this Wednesday, July 4th.

This Thursday, July 5th join us for Holy Hour!

### Upcoming Events:

Summer Retreat! It will be here before you know it! Sign up to join us for an amazing experience on July 11! Stay tuned for more details! Plan on an adventure that is all day long! Request the day off today!

Mark your calendar now for our Summer Beach Adventure! Monday, July 30th!



**ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM FATHER JIM:** "Big lesson I've learned: I have grown in accepting people as they are and not as I wish them to be."

### HELP THE ENVIRONMENT WITH MAKE-UP:

*Think beyond shopping.*

While you can certainly vote with your dollars, don't forget about your actual vote. "The most powerful thing a consumer can do is become an advocate for more sustainable consumer products for everyone, not just highly educated women of means," Wicker says. She advises contacting your representative to ask tough questions: What are they doing to help standardize recycling systems across the country? How are they working to improve chemical testing and safety? What are they doing about plastic waste? Without pressure from voters, most lawmakers are unlikely to prioritize the planet—so pick up the phone, speak your mind, and help effect change.



### RENTAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM:

The City of Shelby and Richland County (Excluding the City of Mansfield) currently have funds available for our Rental Home Repair Program. Only landlords are eligible to apply. The eligibility of the project is based on the RENTER's income. The landlord is responsible for 50% of the cost. The grant covers the other 50%. If you are interested, or have any questions about the program, please call Ellyn Walsh at 419-347-6310.



**Sacraments**

**Baptism:** Call the Parish Office one month in advance.

**Reconciliation:** Sunday before Mass, 7:30 a.m.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Notify the Parish Office to arrange.

**Communion:** Arrange through the Parish Office or Sherry Stockmaster at 419-687-4611 to be placed on the home bound lists.

**Marriage:** Please notify either a priest or the Parish Office 6 months in advance.

**R.C.I.A.:** Interested in the Catholic Faith? Contact the Parish Office.

**Mass Stipends:** St. Joseph's always accepts Masses for the deceased and special intentions. Please call Sharon on Mondays or Tuesdays between 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. to schedule your Masses.

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Sunday, July 8 - 8:30 a.m.**

- Greeters:** Marian & Ed Kanney
- Eucharist:** Jill Heydinger, Katrina Blausey
- Servers:** Cailey & Cadence Fairchild
- Lector:** Bob Phillips
- Ushers:** Kevin Heydinger, Jeff Sutter
- Counters:** Kevin Heydinger, Jeff Sutter
- Music:** St. Joseph Choir

**St. Joseph Family Festival Information & Update:**

- Tickets on sale after Mass
- Posters are still available
- Early Bird drawing is today

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Weekly Budget Needed \$1,440  
June 24, 2018

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Offering         | \$ 1,155.00 |
| Food Pantry             | \$ 30.00    |
| Upstairs Store          | \$ 10.00    |
| Year to Date Over/Under | \$ 3,493.95 |

**Thank You!**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 120**

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| Roof Replacement Progress as of 6/24 | 84% \$ 52,727.10 |
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**UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOSEPH:**

- Saint Joseph Family Festival**  
July 15th - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Finance Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 3 - 6:30 p.m.

**Ecumenical VBS Plymouth/Shiloh**

Date: July 9 – 13  
Time: Meal- 5:30 p.m. Sessions: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Grades: Pre-School thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade helpers  
Location: St. Joseph, Plymouth  
Registration forms available at each church.



Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.

*Psalm 33:12*

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY – JULY 4TH**  
In June of 1776 Thomas Jefferson, seated in the second-floor parlor of a bricklayer's house in Philadelphia, brilliantly

composed the first drafts of the Declaration of Independence. After some revision, the bulk of the document was approved by Congress on July 4, 1776. While the Declaration would soon become one of the world's most significant documents, its second sentence is perhaps most famous:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Those words, written over two centuries ago, still resonate in the depths of our hearts, not simply because they are lofty ideals for which we find ourselves compelled to strive, but

because they reflect an aspect of man's irrepressible desire to attain and enjoy human fulfillment.

Upon hearing these words, we are moved to realize that to be human, bestowed as we are with the gift of life and dignity, created in God's image and likeness, is truly spectacular and a blessing.

As Christians we are called to analyze culture, and, aided by the Spirit, heal, elevate and purify those elements within it which run contrary to the Gospel. As Christians, informed by the light of faith, we hold true to the Gospel message.

We are called to become, by faith in Christ, members of the divine family and thus enter the invisible and other-worldly (Jn 18:36) fellowship of the kingdom of God.

Abundant life! While Thomas Jefferson wrote of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in the context of throwing off a dictatorial British government in favor of an independent nation, Christ speaks of eternal realities which travel inconceivably beyond the temporal, and which will continue with an unending permanency guaranteed by God himself.

However you decide to celebrate Independence Day remember to thank God for all that we have and are. HAPPY 4TH of July.

Submitted by: Sherry Stockmaster

### Sacraments

**Baptism:** Call the Pastoral Associate at the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

**Reconciliation:** 3:45-4:30 p.m. Saturdays, anytime by request.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Following 9:00 a.m. Mass on First Saturdays, anytime by request. Call the Parish Office at 419-347-2381.

**Communion:** Contact the Pastoral Associate at the Parish Office to be placed on the home bound lists.

**Marriage:** Arrange through the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

**Cemetery:** Contact the Parish Office.

**R.C.I.A.:** Persons wishing to inquire about and/or join the Catholic Church, call the Parish Office.

**Parish Membership:** New parishioners - WELCOME. Please call the Parish Office to register. When changing address, please notify the Parish Office.

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, July 7, 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Lector:** Kira Metzger

**Servers:** Will Metzger, Caleb Vogt, Noah Wilson

**Eucharist:** Mary Martin-Bandman, Lori McCartney, Laurie Metzger, Nancy Metzger, Marilyn Moore, Lisa Hiler, Dave Yetzer

**Ushers:** Jeff Peiffer, Craig Studer, Mark Studer, Chad Hicks

**Greeters:** Dorothy Chew, Monika Shuler, Ken & Julie Ensmen

**Music:** Dannemillers

### Sunday, July 8, 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Lector:** John Gies

**Servers:** Adam & Alyssa Niese, Jackson Stover

**Eucharist:** Glenda Friebel, Julie Friebel, Bill Houseworth, Casey Kerr, Kathy Lowe, Beth Kurtzman, Scott Kurtzman

**Ushers:** John Reith, Steve Schumacher, Jim Sifferlin, Dave Walsh

**Greeters:** Lynelle Boyce, Clem & Kathy Kanney, Volunteer

**Music:** Christi Smith

**Counters:** Dave & Lynne Wagner, Dorothy Chew

## — This week at — Most Pure Heart of Mary

**Thursday, July 5**

7:00 p.m. Disciples of Song—Church

**Friday, July 6**

9:30 a.m. First Friday Breakfast—LLMR



**FISH COLLECTION:** Next weekend is our FISH collection. Please bring in any donations of non-perishable items and place them in the boxes. Be careful to only donate foods that are not outdated on the labels. Helpline cannot put outdated items in food boxes that are provided for those in need. Thank you for your consideration.

**PARISH  
OFFICE  
CLOSED**

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED **WEDNESDAY,**  
**JULY 4, 2018** IN OBSERVANCE  
OF THE 4TH OF JULY.

**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM:** For 10 years, the churches of Shelby have shown the community children and their families love by serving 89,270 meals. Each church takes turns to serve the children for one week in the summer months. Some of the churches serve more than one week, depending when the need arises. Two locations are used to serve the children. One is at Shelby Helpline Ministries (back building), and the other is the south door at Shelby Church of the Nazarene. The children are given a main dish, fruit, vegetable, milk, and a dessert each day from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at either site. They are asked to sign-in so that the churches will have an approximate count for the following day. Approximately 20 people work each week to prepare the meal, deliver to the two stations, and serve the children. Donations are needed to keep this program going each summer. Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish will be helping with the Children's Summer Lunch Program again this year. We will be providing and serving lunches each day from July 23 to 27. We are asking for money donations to buy food and paper products. Please drop donations in the collection basket marked "Summer Lunch Program." Also, if you write a check, please make it out to Most Pure Heart of Mary and mark it for the lunch program. Thank you in advance for your kindness. We appreciate it and so do the children.

### THIS WEEK AT MARVIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Monday, July 2 - 5:30 p.m. - Teen Program - Sean Beeson

Monday, July 2 - 6:00 p.m. - Library Walk & Talk - We will meet at the Marvin Memorial Library's Lobby. We will do a fun walk around town. Wear comfy shoes and bring a water bottle.

Wednesday, July 4 - The library will be CLOSED in observance of the 4th of July.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Luella Schiffer, David Mayer, John Dannemiller, Kevin Wolford, Sharon Houseworth, David Steiner, Lee Biglin, Kali Biglin, Thomas Dannemiller, Deborah Spangler, Aaron Bruskotter, Jennifer Scherer, Belinda Yetzer, Brooke Korbas, Joseph Ebinger, Dorothy Gies, Mark Studer, Michael Miller, Gary Ramsey, Judith Caporini, Timothy Kleman, Theresa Fichter, James Sheridan, Brad Wolford, Jennifer Washburn, Kyle Krystofik, Dylan Studer, Leah Ensmen, Michaelena Esbenshade, James Adkins, Amy Gerster, David Krutsch, Katherine Shuler, Jami Benedict, Danielle Krietemeyer, Gracie May



Thank you for supporting Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

June 23 & 24, 2018

| <b>Sunday &amp; Holy Day Collections</b> (Excludes Christmas & Easter)  |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Sunday Offertory Collection Basket  | \$ 4,958.01         |
| 74% Gave in the Collection Basket   |                     |
| Sunday Offertory Electronic Giving  | \$ 1,961.00         |
| 26% Gave through Electronic Giving  |                     |
| Children's Collection   | \$ 17.00            |
| Weekly Budget Needed  | \$ 8,410.00         |
| Total Sunday and Holy Day Receipts  | \$ 6,936.01         |
| Weekly Over/ <b>Under</b> Budget  | \$ <b>1,473.99</b>  |
| 2017/2018 Annual Budget Year to Date  | \$ 437,320.00       |
| Total Sunday & Holy Day Receipts to Date  | \$ 457,672.42       |
| Year to Date Over/ <b>Under</b> Budget  | \$ <b>20,352.42</b> |
| <b>Diocesan Collections</b>   |                     |
| Peter's Pence/Holy Father   | \$ 90.00            |
| <b>Other Parish Collections</b>   |                     |
| Capital Improvement   | \$ 290.00           |
| Religious Education   | \$ 30.00            |
| Heating Donation  | \$ 10.00            |
| Youth Ministry  | \$ 25.00            |
| Works of Mercy Water Project  | \$ 649.43           |
| Cemetery Donations  | \$ 1,600.00         |
| Cemetery Donations Year to Date   | \$ 4,966.00         |
| Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17 |                     |

**THANK YOU:** As noted in the article to the right, we focused on the works of mercy. We collected donations in the amount of \$694.43 to give drink to the thirsty. Thank you for your generosity as many will be blessed with clean safe water!!

# Vacation Bible School

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WRAP UP:** First, a huge thank you to the 40 plus children and over 20 volunteers who made this year's Vacation Bible School happen.

This year our VBS focused on the Works of Mercy. Everyday had a new theme. For visit the sick, they made cards for family or friends they knew who were sick. If they didn't know someone who was sick they were asked to make cards for veterans or residents of a care center. For visit the imprisoned, they also made cards to let them know of their prayers. For give shelter to the homeless, they made plastic yarn or plarn which can be made into various things including sleeping mats, blankets, and raincoats. They also made a simulated home with cardboard boxes to help understand the limited space that the homeless may have to live. When the participants learned about praying for the dead, they visited the peace garden to offer up their prayers. They also learned about recycling and the care of the earth. For clothe the naked, they made pillow case dresses, t-shirt totes and more plarn. For give drink to the thirsty, they participated in an activity that simulated how those in other countries may have to walk miles a day for fresh water. For give food to the hungry, they all helped make vegetable soup. The soup was later taken to be served for the free meal that happens every Thursday at the Methodist church. They also made placemats for all who came to dinner that week.

In addition to all the fun activities they did at Bible School they were asked to do a scavenger hunt at home. They brought in donations for a clean water project. They raised \$649.43 in just a week!! They also donated clothes, food, toys, hats, gloves and many other things as a reminder that we should give of what we have to help others, and that if we love our neighbors, we should help them. If you make your neighbors happy, you will be happy too.

It was a great, fun week. We hope you can join us next year.

## Reflections on the Readings

13th Sunday In Ordinary Time  
taken from St. Joseph Sunday Missal

### First Reading – Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

"By the envy of the devil, death entered the world." If we understand this word of Scripture as referring only to physical death, we run into the problem that the just person also dies. The sacred writer has in mind a spiritual death, which consists in alienation from God and of which biological death is a sign.

It is death by alienation from God, a broken relationship of love, which Jesus Christ overcame by his death and resurrection. Through him human beings who had drifted away can relate to God again in love and have life. This reading introduces the theme of the Gospel on life.

### Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Paul has promised the Church of Jerusalem that he will take up a collection in the churches he has

founded abroad to help the poor in Jerusalem. He urges the congregation of Corinth to be generous and offers motivations for giving. These reasons may also motivate us to be generous in Church support and contribute to help those who are poor.

### Gospel – Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

Mark inserts the healing of the woman with the hemorrhage into the tradition concerning the raising of a little girl. Although both miracles prefigure our salvation, we are here limiting ourselves only to the account of Jairus' daughter. Physical death is a sign of that spiritual death which is conscious aversion from God. By overcoming death in this little girl, Jesus prefigures his victory over the death of alienation from God, Mark brings out that Jesus is the prophet of the end-time, who has come to bring life, in other words, to restore our relationship of love with God.

— Submitted by Barb Castor



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